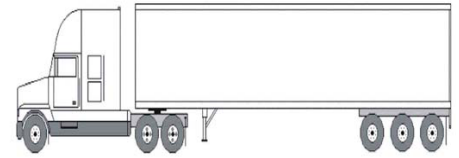




# CALIFORNIA IRP NEWS

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## CALIFORNIA IRP CHANGES:

In a continued effort to preserve the environment, the Department of Motor Vehicles (Department) has discontinued printing and mailing the IRP Handbook and forms with the renewal notice. You may find IRP information and forms required to complete your IRP application on the DMV website

[www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov).

## **STAGGERED REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

The Department converted its IRP program from an annual December 31 expiration date to a staggered (year-round) renewal beginning January 1, 2009. The first group of IRP accounts under staggered registration expire July 31, 2009, and every month thereafter. With implementation of staggered renewals we are confident all renewals submitted in a timely manner with full fees and required documents will be processed prior to your expiration date.

IRP Operations now has the ability to e-mail cab cards directly to customers. If you want your cab cards e-mailed to you, be sure we have your e-mail address. If you have questions regarding Staggered Registration, please call (916) 657-7971.

As a result of staggered registration the Department will no longer issue a Delay of Enforcement nor will an official grace period be provided so it is imperative valid operating indicia (cab card or temporary operating authority) be placed in the vehicle prior to the expiration date. To ensure your renewal is processed timely we recommend full fees and all required documents be submitted to the IRP Operations Section in Sacramento no later than **three weeks** prior to the fleet's expiration date. Per the IRP Plan a Temporary Registration Authority **will not** be issued unless full fees are received.

Please note a change has been made to the California Cab Card to reflect the following statement "Please delay enforcement action up to but not more than thirty (30) days after the expiration....", **this is not an official grace period** it is up to the individual jurisdiction whether or not they honor the request.

## **PRISM**

California will soon implement the Performance Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM). PRISM uses the USDOT and Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) to check the safety fitness of the motor carrier prior to issuing IRP registration. As a result, California now requires all motor carriers who are or may become responsible for the safety of a vehicle, to submit a USDOT and TIN with their registration documents.

PRISM will compare this information with the MCS 150 information for validation. The TIN is either a Social Security Number or a Federal Employer Identification Number. Eligible carriers must be active and designated as motor carriers or carrier-shippers. A registrant only or shipper only is not acceptable. If the PRISM system cannot match the USDOT and TIN numbers, the carrier is not eligible, or if the carrier is suspended/or revoked the California IRP registration **will not** be accepted.

Use the FMCSA link below for additional information on acquiring USDOT numbers and MCS 150 requirements. It is recommended that you review your MCS 150 information yearly.

### **VLF FEE CHANGE:**

Effective May 19, 2009, enacted legislation will increase the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) for vehicles that are 10,000 or less, gross vehicle weight (GVW) from 0.65 percent to 1.15 percent. VLF will remain at 0.65 percent for vehicles that are 10,001 GVW or more. This fee increase will affect all New Carrier/New Fleet, renewals and supplement (vehicle add) applications.

### **CALIFORNIA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION:**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Eric Sauer and the California Trucking Association for their continued efforts to work with the Motor Carrier Division to improve our services to the motor carrier industry.

### **ADDITIONAL WEBSITE INFORMATION:**

There are other forms that may be required depending on your operating needs; you may download these and additional information from the websites listed below for your convenience:

**IRP Handbook** – Provides information about the program and what you need to get started.

[http://www.dmv.ca.gov/vehindustry/irp/irp\\_hnbk\\_memos.htm](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/vehindustry/irp/irp_hnbk_memos.htm)

**Manual del Programa de IRP en Español** – Este manual le provee información sobre el programa y lo que necesita para solicitar un permiso de IRP.

[http://www.es.dmv.ca.gov/vehindustry/irp/irp\\_hnbk\\_memos.htm](http://www.es.dmv.ca.gov/vehindustry/irp/irp_hnbk_memos.htm)

**IRP Forms** – Here you will find all the forms that the DMV provides for IRP applicants.

<http://www.dmv.ca.gov/vehindustry/irp/irpforms.htm>

**Motor Carrier Services (MCS)** - Provides updates and current informational memos and quick links to other agencies that you may need to contact. Please look at the United Carrier Registration Agreement (UCR) link and see if the information there applies to your type of business.

<http://www.dmv.ca.gov/mcs/mcs.htm>

**FMCSA Web Site** – The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) website will allow you to apply for a USDOT/MX number and review the status of a carrier.

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov>

To obtain additional information and updates on other Motor Carrier Services (MCS), please visit DMV web page at [www.dmv.ca.gov/mcs/mcs.htm](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/mcs/mcs.htm) or call 916-657-7971. If you would like to receive DMV email alerts for publications or updates, visit web page at [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) and click on Subscribe to Email Alerts on the lower left hand side of the page.